

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claims 1 and 3-18 have been amended. Claims 1 and 3-18 are pending and under reconsideration, which is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Specification and Claims

On page 2, second paragraph, the Office Action objected to the Specification alleging that line 18, page 6 and line 16, of page 7, recite "recording medium," which does not provide antecedent basis for "computer readable recording medium" as recited by claim 18. This objection is respectfully traversed. 37 C.F.R. § 112(d)(1) recites "The claim or claims must conform to the invention as set forth in the remainder of the specification and the terms and phrases used in the claims must find **clear support or antecedent basis** in the description." The Specification on page 6, line 12, for example, recites "a recording medium storing a program" and Applicants assert that a person of ordinary skill would understand that a recording medium storing a *program* would be readable by a computer. Thus, Applicants submit the term "computer readable recording medium" is supported by the Specification, and therefore, respectfully request the objection be withdrawn.

On page 2, third paragraph, the Office Action objected to the disclosure for informalities. The Specification has been amended herein and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

On page 3, the Office Action objected to the claims for informalities. The claims have been amended herein in a manner similar to or as suggested by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

On page 4, the Office Action rejected claims 1 and 3-18 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 9, 17 and 18 for clarification purposes, and submit that claims 1 and 3-18 now even more fully comply with the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

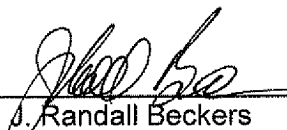
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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